

*(English)***Increased Outlay for Khadi and Village Industry**

1352. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH :
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have increased the outlay for the Khadi and Village Industry for 1992-93;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if no the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). The Plan Outlay for Khadi and Village Industry Sector during the last year was Rs. 191.00 crores and the same amount has been provided for 1992-93 also. The outlay could not be increased because of severe resource constraints.

Fire in Jharia Coalfields

1353. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:
SHRI M.V.
CHANDRASHEKARA
MURTHY:
SHRI V. SREENIVASA
PRASAD:
SHRI SIMON MARANDI:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR
MANDAL:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether several international agencies have expressed their willingness to put out the 100 year old underground fires in the Jharia Coalfields of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have since taken any decision to hand over the task of underground fires to foreign companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NAYAMA GOUDA): (a) to (d). After nationalisation of the coal mines, concerted efforts have been made through implementation of various schemes for dealing with some of the major fires in Jharia coalfield. As a result of these efforts, five fires have been successfully extinguished and the work of dealing with fires is in progress at 16 more sites. The size of the problem being very large, the Government have been exploring the possibilities of obtaining Financial as well as technical assistance from the foreign countries to deal with these fires. One projects for dealing with coalfield fires has been posed for UNDP assistance. In Addition, some private overseas agencies/companies have also expressed interest in participating in dealing with the problem of fires in Jharia coalfield. However, no decision has so far been taken by the Government to entrust the work of dealing with Jharia fires to any foreign company.

[Translation]

Super Cement Plant in Bundl, Rajasthan

1354. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had given approval to the Cement Corporation of India for setting up a super cement plant in Bundl (Rajasthan) in the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;